

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Continuation of US SERIAL NO. 08/661,778

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Page 7, line 2, change "upon" to --of--;

line 20, change "gage" to --gauge--.

Page 12, lines 1-2, delete both lines in their entirety.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add claims 5-12 as follows.

~~5. A multi-piece solid golf ball having a structure of at least four layers, said ball comprising; a core having a structure consisting of an inner sphere and a layer surrounding the inner sphere and a cover enclosing the core and consisting of inner and outer cover layers, said outer cover layer having a hardness of 40 to 60 degrees on Shore D, and said inner cover layer having a hardness of up to 53 degrees on Shore D and lower than that of said outer cover layer, said core having a diameter of 35 to 41 mm, and said surrounding layer having a hardness of at least 45 degrees on Shore D.~~

6. The golf ball of claim 5 wherein said inner cover layer is softer than said outer cover layer by a hardness difference of at least 5 degrees on Shore D.

7. The golf ball of claim 5 wherein said outer cover layer has a gage of 0.5 to 3.0 mm, said inner cover layer has a gage of 0.5 to 3.0 mm, and the entire cover has a gage of 1.0 to 5.0 mm.

8. The golf ball of claim 5 wherein said inner sphere has a diameter of 20 to 39 mm and is formed of a rubber base material.